

MAIL FROM SACRAMENTO, IN CALIFORNIA, TO OLYMPIA,  
IN WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 715.]

MAY 16, 1860.

Mr. GREEN ADAMS, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made the following

REPORT.

*The undersigned, to whom was referred House resolution, introduced by Mr. Stout, directing the attention of the committee to the propriety of establishing a mail route through the interior of Oregon, beg leave to report:*

It is obvious from the facts in the case that such a service as the bill contemplates is a great public necessity. At the present time there is no mail exceeding a weekly service, and in most cases it is only semi-monthly in that State. The mail from the east is semi-monthly by water, *via* Puget's Sound, to Portland. When it arrives at Portland it has to be sent through the interior of the State by the weekly and bi-weekly mails, and it is from one to three weeks before it reaches its destination after it arrives in Portland. Again, under the present arrangement, the present overland mails are of no service to Oregon and Washington, for, it matters not how much mail for Oregon and Washington is sent overland, it all remains in San Francisco until the ocean mail arrives, when it is taken by water, as before stated, to Portland, the most northern post office in the State, thence to be sent back by land a portion of the distance already travelled. The present cost of ocean service to Oregon and Washington is \$120,000, which is more than it would cost to transport the mails as proposed by this bill. Establish the service contemplated by the bill, and the ocean service can be discontinued, and the mails will then first strike the southern part of the State, and be daily left where they are destined, without being transported to the north and then back through the State. The adoption of this bill would greatly convenience the people north of Sacramento, on the Pacific coast, without any additional expense to the government.

The committee report the accompanying bill, and recommend its adoption.

